

Battle for Congress

Just about ninety per cent of the predictions one reads these days—concerning the fall elections—give the Democrats an excellent chance to capture control of Congress.

In the lower body of Congress, the House, the Democrats hold 215 seats and the Republicans only 219, or four more seats than the minority party.

And it happens that of the thirty-two Senate terms expiring this year there are only eleven Republican terms expiring.

have an opportunity to gain in only eleven states.

Of the races to fill expiring Democratic terms (twenty-one in all), ten of them are in solid Southern States—and there is no chance of Republican gains.

These Republican opportunities are found in New Mexico (Clinton P. Anderson), Illinois (Paul Douglas), Delaware (Allen Frear), Iowa (Guy Gillette), Rhode Island (Theodore Green), Minnesota (Hubert Humphrey), Wyoming, (Lester Hunt), Colorado (Edwin Johnson), Oklahoma (Bob Kerr), Montana (James Murray), West Virginia (Matthew Neely).

Of the eleven Republican terms expiring, several are considered in the bag for the G.O.P. Contests which could possibly result in Democratic gains are to be held in the following states (name of Senator whose term expiring in parenthesis. South Dakota (Karl Mundt), Massachusetts (Leverett Saltonstall), New Jersey (Robert Hendrickson), Nebraska, (Dwight Griswold), Michigan (Homer Ferguson), Idaho (Henry Dworshak), Oregon (Guy Cordon), Kentucky (John Cooper).

Strauss Meets the Press

Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was recently exposed to reporters from every section of the country by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Reporters had been asking President Eisenhower to have Strauss hold a press conference and give them details on the hydrogen bomb for some weeks.

Naturally, one of the first questions was how powerful hydrogen bombs are likely to get.

Chairman Strauss answered by saying the Atomic Energy Commission could build hydrogen bombs to meet the requests of the military services.

The prospect which this latest bomb raises in the minds of all sane humans is a prospect of an effective ban on such weapons by the major powers of the world.

U. S. Policy Stiffens

A significant change in U. S. Policy concerning Indo-China has taken place in the last two weeks. It all began as far back as January when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made a speech about instant retaliation against new Communist aggression.

In the past few weeks the White House has decided to go all-out in trying to win the war in French Indo China.

President Eisenhower himself has lined up behind this basic policy.

With the tough attitude on Indo China also goes an American decision to rule out any possibility of the recognition of Red China at the April 26th meeting in Geneva.

In short, the new U. S. policy is a firmer one than has been evidenced yet by this country. The statements of Secretary Dulles—about instant and massive retaliation—are actually surprisingly bold talk.

In other words, to sum it up, the United States is embarked on a bold policy in Indo China, administrative leaders no doubt being convinced this is the only policy the Chinese

respect. President Eisenhower feels this country is now strong enough to follow a bold course. After three years of heavy rearmament, U. S. foreign policy is now backed up by a lot of military power—which alone commands respect from the Communists.

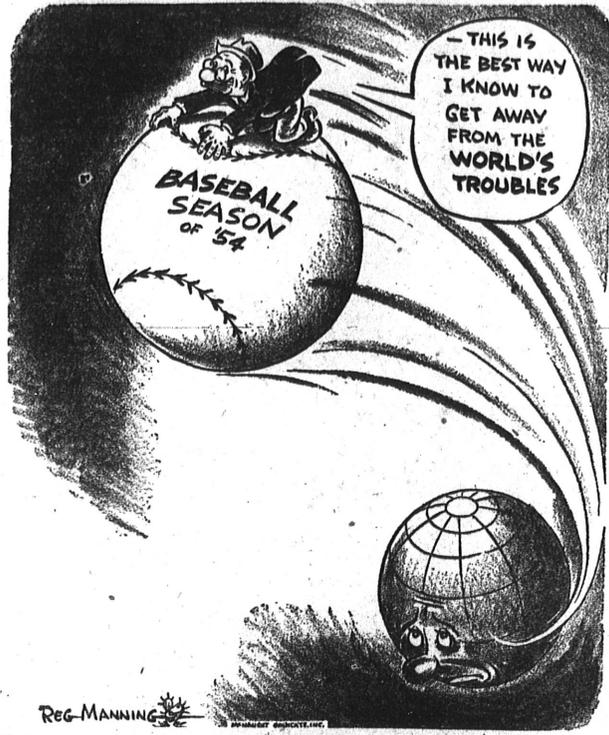
Eisenhower and Taxes

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, when recently questioned by reporters on the tax cut bill he signed April 1st, admitted the bill was not exactly what he had requested from Congress.

He told reporters taxes have already been cut this year by over \$7,000,000,000 and that these are the largest tax cuts ever effected in one year by any administration.

This means that billions of dollars heretofore collected by the Government will be available to individuals and private business in the coming year.

It is true that the Eisenhower Administration is facing another deficit and that it has very little chance of balancing the budget either this year or next.



Criswell Predicts

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A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION:

When Nostradamus in 1534 (exactly 420 years ago) predicted: "The middle part of the 20th century will prove to the nation whose Holiday is Thursday (America's Thanksgiving) that friends cannot be bought by gold, by food and by clothing, but can only be held in friendship by exchangeable responsibility (a strange expression then) and international cooperation!"

WOMEN WOW WILL MAKE NEWS

Hetty Green, the world's richest woman, will soon make headline news from beyond the Golden Shore when a huge real estate venture is stymied due to her shrewd manipulations in a bygone day!

FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES:

Greta Garbo: Your comeback film will be based on the life and loves of a famous axe murderer! . . . Paris, France: Your next toast of the town will be Pamela Dru and Alan Dizon who do an entire ice revue on golden states! . . . Los Angeles: The new freeway system will be completed by August 1954! . . . President Eisenhower: Your reclamation of western waste land will be one of the major engineering feats of the 20th century! . . . Israel: You can expect more border incidents! . . . St. Louis: A new Sonja Henie: Your next venture will be a solo act without your famous ice revue company playing the top night clubs of the air base will be located in your area! . . . J. Edgar Hoover: You will give electrifying testimony on your next appearance! . . . Lila Leeds, who became one of Hollywood's most recent personal tragedies, will write of her life and tell the truth about her present drug-addiction—which will make your blood run cold. Names will be named, and it will be shown that her plight was the plight of a girl victimized by selfish men! . . . Santa Rama Rau's latest "This I India," travel book will win many literary awards for its keen feminine insight into the woman's problems and daily life in that far off land! . . . Sue Carroll, the wife and manager of Alan Ladd, will write of her experiences in placing her husband at the top of the heap in spite of the opposition she met from the male who psychologically block her at every move simply because she was a woman! . . . An American girl will be

THE next bride of Peron!

A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION:

When I was a farm boy in Gibson County, Indiana, we had a hired man who "could see things" about others which would happen in the future in a most alarming and sensational manner. I recall very clearly one afternoon I was riding into town with him on the Karges wagon when we passed another wagon containing one man, which was bid a fond farewell and given good wishes. When I asked our man why he had bid this man such a fond farewell rather than pass the time of day, he told me "We will never see that man alive again." The next morning we heard that he had died in his sleep. A local undertaker in Princeton often used to ask this man, who would be next—and this man would be most amazingly correct with his predictions about life's greatest event—death!

Audrey V. H.: He is sincere, but you must make the first move, for it is the woman who marries the man, and he is very shy. He is good husband material and you will be most happy with him. Within 90 days you will be married.

Mona L.: You will bide your time for the price will come down. In the meantime you will continue to work there and gain more business experience. This will work out most successfully for you.

Arthur B. 90: Your wife very kindly offered to help you, but her strength is not as it should be and you would be most unwise in permitting her to labor for you. You will hold on to your present job and seek other employment during your off days. There is another very good position awaiting you.

Emma F. 48: Your handwriting has the buoyancy of a young girl and I know from your photograph that people never believe you are 64 years old. By all means join this club for you will enjoy yourself and the exercise will be wonderful for you. You will also meet your next husband through this sport.

Deshearned L.: You have had a most trying life, but I know that there is definitely happiness ahead for you. There will be an opportunity for you to join a social group in your community and you will be asked to run for an office which you will accept. This new social activity will give you a new outlook on life, and I know you will soon forget your past unhappiness.

Tessie O. 122: You will be able to collect from the insurance company. The other driver was guilty and you will receive compensation.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Gold Redemption Acts

MURRAY BILL: Last week I described the opening session of hearings before a Senate subcommittee on banking and finance, as that subcommittee proceeded toward consideration of four separate bills designed for restoration of trading in gold, and a gold coin standard with a fully redeemable currency system.

A bill "To permit the free marketing of newly mined gold," designated as S. 2364, was introduced in the first session of the 83rd Congress by Senator James E. Murray (D. Mont.). This short and concise bill states: "That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law of Executive order or regulation to the contrary, newly mined gold produced after the enactment of this Act within the United States or its Territories or insular possessions may be acquired, purchased, sold, melted or treated, held in custody, transported, or earmarked by any person or Government instrumentally without penalty or restriction."

McCARRAN BILLS: A second bill introduced in the first session of the 83rd Congress by Senator Pgt McCarran (D. Nev.), known as S. 13, reads substantially as follows: "That, notwithstanding any law or Executive order, gold in any form, mined subsequent to the enactment of this Act within the United States, its Territories and possessions, including Alaska, for any purpose whatsoever, and may be exported without the imposition of duties, excise taxes, the requirement of licenses, permits, or any restrictions whatsoever."

Senator McCarran also has introduced in the first session of the 83rd Congress another bill: "To establish a sound, honest, and dependable monetary system which will maintain and protect the solvency and integrity of the people's money and the solvency and integrity of the United States; and to guarantee the redemption of our currency in gold and/or silver, at face value, on demand; and for other purposes."

This bill, designated as S. 2514, provides, first, for a free and open market in gold substantially the same as called for in the McCarran bill §. 13. It provides further that after sufficient time has elapsed: "The price of gold shall be fixed by the Congress where it accurately reflects the depreciation that has taken place in the United States dollar since 1933 based upon the whole-

sale commodity index; and the price of silver fixed by Congress where it reflects the correct ratio between gold and silver based upon the relative world production of these two precious metals since 1942."

It provides further that: "The prices of gold and silver so determined shall remain fixed and constant unless and until changed by Act of Congress." After this free trading period has passed and the weights of gold and silver coins have been established, then: "The right to redeem United States currency in gold or silver at face value, on demand (in coin), is hereby restored."

BRIDGES BILL: A fourth bill considerably more detailed and explicit was introduced by Senator Styles Bridges (R. N.H.) to be cited as "The Gold Redemption Act of 1954." This bill is further identified as S. 2332. It differs from the other three bills in that it does not provide for a free market in gold, which might lead to further inflation; but does provide for full redeemability with the weight of the gold dollar to remain as it is now fixed by law at 1/35 of an ounce of gold 9/10 fine.

Section 2 of this bill states: "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress, with a view to strengthening confidence in the United States dollar and minimizing inflationary pressure, and in order to protect holders of savings bonds—including Federal and private obligations—owners of savings deposits and insurance policies, and persons dependent upon pensions or fixed salaries or wages from the effects of inflation to return the currency of the United States to the gold standard and thereby restore to American citizens the gold convertibility privilege (now) enjoyed by foreign holders of United States (currency) dollars."

PROTECTIVE MEASURES: The Bridges Bill finally provides that: "The President shall not suspend payment in gold on any obligation heretofore or hereafter entered into except as specifically authorized by the Congress. Section 16 of the Federal Reserve Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph: "For the purposes of this section Treasury currency, except that in payment of a retirement, and consisting of the United States silver certificates, and United States notes shall be counted as part of the lawful money for reserves against deposits in Federal Reserve banks." (And) the following are hereby repealed . . . all provisions of law authorizing the President to alter the size, weight, or fineness of gold and silver coins; and all laws or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act." The Bridges Bill provides for full redeemability to become effective one year after the date of enactment.

Details of debate on the provisions of the various bills described as it was offered before the Senate subcommittee, will be presented in future columns.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

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